

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, 22 and 23 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-16 and 22 are allowed. Claims 2 and 17-21 have been cancelled. Further, Claim 23 has been amended and no new matter has been added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 23 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the specification allegedly does not enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention commensurate in scope with the claims. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Further, Claims 2 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 2 has been cancelled. In furtherance of prosecution, Claim 23, which depends from allowed Claim 1, has been amended to remove the limitation of "infection-causing condition." However, the cancellation of this limitation from Claim 23 should not be construed to be an admission of or acquiescence to the propriety of the asserted rejections. In view of the cancellation of Claim 2 and amendment to Claim 23, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under §112 are now moot and the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1, 3-16, and 22 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of the allowable subject matter. Further, as stated above, Applicant believes that the amendment to Claim 23 and cancellation of Claim 2 should now bring all of the pending claims into condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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